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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Enough is enough! Please implement the fair and equitable settlement reached by the Dept. of Justice and Microsoft.

Washington state has been hit hard by the economic recession. The Bush Administration is now in a position to stop the economic troubles which now effect not only Washington state but the entire nation. Microsoft mirrors the Market. When the tech sector was healthy, the Market was healthy. It is my opinion that the settlement will provide the necessary push that the IT industry needs to help bolster the economy back to its previous strength.

Microsoft is the one company that has the ability to save our economy, and since the settlement makes them work ever closer with their competitors, competition in the IT industry will benefit, and the economy will show gains.

The Bush Administration did not start the recession, but it is in a position to STOP the recession.

The settlement that was reached is fair, and I support it.

Sincerely,



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